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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

We hereby wish to submit the following Joint Declaration for distribution as a document of the Preparatory Committee.

"Joint Declaration of the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula"signed by South and North Korea on January 20, 1992 and entered into force on February 19, 1992.

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Joint Declaration of the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula
(Entered into force on 19 February 1992)

The South and the North,

Desiring to eliminate the danger of nuclear war through denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, and thus create an environment and conditions favorable for peace and peaceful unification of our country and contribute to peace and security in Asia and the world.

Declare as follows:

1. The South and the North shall not test, manufacture, produce, receive, possess, store, deploy or use nuclear weapons.

2. The South and the North shall use nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes.

3. The South and the North shall not possess nuclear reprocessing and uranium enrichment facilities.

4. The South and the North, in order to verify the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, shall conduct inspection of the objects selected by the other side and agreed upon between the two sides, in accordance with procedures and methods to be determined by the South-North Joint Nuclear Control Commission.

5. The South and the North, in order to implement this joint declaration, shall establish and operate a South-North Joint Nuclear Control Commission within one (1) month of the effectuation of this joint declaration.

6. This Joint Declaration shall enter into force as of the day the two sides exchange appropriate instruments following the completion of their respective procedures for bringing it into effect.

Signed on January 20, 1992

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